

# MOSQUITO BREEDING PREVENTION CHECKLIST

*The following checklist will help eliminate mosquito-breeding sites from your property:*

- Eliminate all sources of stagnant water.
- Turn over wheelbarrows, canoes, watering cans or buckets stored outside.
- Be sure that trash is contained in tied bags and covers are kept on trashcans at all times to eliminate collection of precipitation.
- Drill holes in bottoms of containers that are left outdoors, including decorative containers.
- Remove unwanted tires from your property, store tires that are not to be discarded under cover to avoid the collection of rainwater in them.
- Landscape areas where water collects to allow for storm/snowmelt runoff.
- Fill in areas prone to puddling.
- Clean rain gutters annually and keep them free running.
- Keep large swimming pools clean and chlorinated.
- Aerate fountains and wishing wells.
- Keep kiddie pools turned over when not in use; change water every 1-2 days.
- Keep pool covers free from collected water.
- Change the water in birdbaths every four days.
- Keep drains, culverts, and ditches clean of trash and weeds so water will drain properly.
- Repair leaky outdoor faucets.
- Fill in hollow stumps or rot holes in trees with sand or concrete.



- Keep lawn mowed and shrubbery trimmed around the house so do not provide rest areas for adult mosquitoes.
- Do not discard grass clippings and lawn debris in storm drains or

ditches.

- Check bulkheads and cellar doorways for standing water.
- Check air conditioning trays.
- Repair faulty septic systems.
- Use screening to keep mosquitoes from entering barn areas, other areas where a water source is available – be sure that these areas are free of mosquitoes before screening to avoid screening in a population.
- The use of fans may also be helpful in reducing mosquito access to these areas.
- Thoroughly clean livestock watering troughs monthly, empty if not used consistently.

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